

AU REVOIR TO GALLOP

Darwin's legal community gathered to farewell Justice Gallop at a ceremonial sitting held at the Territory Supreme Court on 23 June 2000.

His Honour, who recently turned 70, retires after reaching the statutory age limit for judges.

Justice Gallop was first admitted to the Northern Territory Supreme Court in 1978. He was farewelled by a Full Court in 1982 to return to the post of judge at the Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court and Federal Court. He remained a non resident judge in the Territory and has returned about twice a year.

His Honour is expected to sit again periodically on the Territory Bench as an acting judge as there is no age limit requirement for acting judges.

In his farewell comments Justice Gallop thanked his fellow judges and their secretaries and associates, as well as registry staff, court orderlies, library staff and court recording services. "Because I am going to be coming back as an acting judge, I am going to need their loyalty and efficiency in the future," he said.

His Honour also reserved praise for the Supreme Court.

"It has been my privilege to sit on the Bench in this beautiful courthouse with these highly professional hard-working judges. It is a beautiful courthouse. Look at this furniture, look at the lighting, listen to the acoustics. I have been to courts all round the world and I have never seen a better courthouse than this."



Jon Tippett, Justice John Gallop and Alasdair McGregor SM



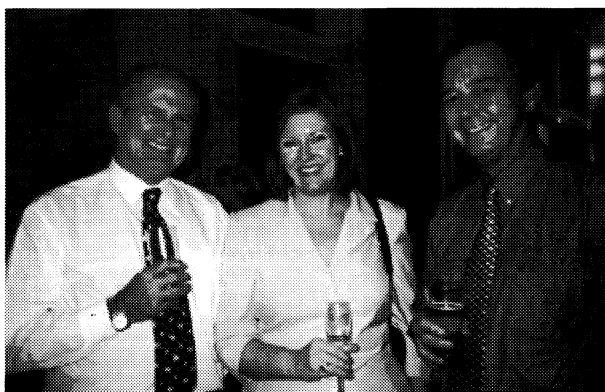
John Reeves QC, Tom Pauling QC and Justice Trevor Riley



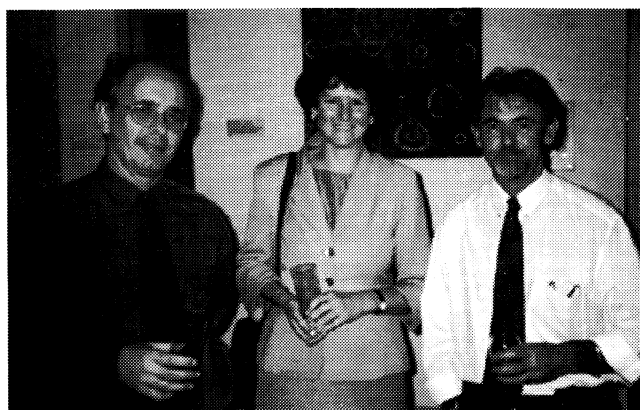
Elizabeth Morris, David Farquhar and Chief Justice Brian Martin



Suzan Cox, Peter Boyce, Justice Dean Mildren



Rex Wild QC, Sue Oliver and Justice Steven Bailey



Steve Southwood, Claire Miller, Phil Timney